
 <p>St. Cyril of Alexandria 28 Walton St. Alexandria Bay, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The Catholic Community of Alexandria 17 Rock St. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607 315-482-2670</p> <p>pastor@stcyrils.org www.stcyrils.org</p> <p>Rev. Douglas G. Comstock, Pastor Bernard Slate, Deacon Joel Walentuk, Deacon</p>	 <p>St. Francis Xavier 28685 Butterfield Lake Rd Redwood, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Liturgy Schedule for Week of March 24, 2019

- Saturday, March 23, 2019** *The Third Sunday of Lent*
5:00 p.m. Pauline Tidd by Melinda & John Comstock
- Sunday, March 24, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) William Winslow by Gene & Mary Kleinhans
10:00 a.m. Rosie Tricase by Shelly Towsley Bruce
- Monday, March 25, 2019**
8:00 a.m. Antoine Darwin Peguerra
- Tuesday, March 26, 2019**
5:15 p.m. Lucile Maschieri by her Family
- Wednesday, March 27, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Needs of our Parishioners
- Thursday, March 28, 2019**
5:15 p.m. [SC] Madeline Millett by her son, Robert
- Friday, March 29, 2019**
8:00 a.m. The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Saturday, March 30, 2019** *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*
5:00 p.m. Keith Irwin by Robert & Cynthia Nelson & Family
- Sunday, March 31, 2019**
8:30 a.m. (SFX) Joseph Cullen by Deacon Bernie Slate
10:00 a.m. Dick Durand by Mike & Suzzie Bogart

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. at St. Cyril of Alexandria Church
Sunday 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church

Soup and Stations

This Thursday we will celebrate the 5:15 Mass in St. Cyril of Alexandria Church, before gathering for Soup and Stations of the Cross.

Sign-up sheets for providing soup are found in each church. Come, join us!

Our Stewardship
March 16 - 17, 2019

Envelopes	\$1,339.00	Eastern & Central Europe	\$5.00
Plate	\$203.00		
Youth			
Electronic Giving	\$312.41	Fuel Collection	\$0.00
Total	\$1,854.41	Total Fuel Contribution to Date	\$18,368.80
Last Year	\$1,527.00	Total Fuel Cost Last Fiscal Year	\$20,210.43

How Long Is Lent?

If asked this question, we probably would all say that Lent is 40 days long, replicating Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. But some may say differently, due to a difference between Lent as a penitential season and Lent as a liturgical season.

Until recently, the liturgical season of Lent and the Lenten fast were the same in length, running from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday, when the Easter season began at the start of the Easter Vigil. When the rites of Holy Week were revised in 1956, however, liturgical emphasis was placed on the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday.

In 1969, the Triduum was extended to include Easter Sunday as well. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar issued by the Sacred Congregation of Divine Worship defined the Easter Triduum as beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and closing with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Until 1969, the Triduum was considered part of the liturgical season of Lent. When the Triduum became its own liturgical season (the shortest in the liturgical year), the liturgical season of Lent was redefined. The General Norms put it, liturgically: Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. Thus Lent would be 43 days long (Ash Weds. to Holy or Spy Weds.) and if Holy Thursday is included (since Mass of the Lord's Supper doesn't begin until sundown) 44 days long. So a correct answer for the liturgical season of Lent can be either 43 or 44 days, but not the Lenten Fast.

The Lenten Fast has 40 days, corresponding to the 40 days that Christ spent in the desert fasting. From a very early period in the Church's history, a literal 40 days fasting has been seen as necessary by Christians. The Apostles instituted making it 40 days like Christ's fast. There were differences over time as to how the 40 days were to be observed: some churches did not fast on Saturdays, most not on Sundays. This made the Lenten fast shorter than 40 days, so they began Lent earlier to make up the deficiency.

St. Gregory the Great accepted 36 days as the Lenten fast at the close of the 6th century, counting the 6 weeks of Lent minus the Sundays. (Sundays of Lent being non-fasting as they are considered "Little Easters") But the Church of Rome insisted on 40 days, so the four days of Quinquagesima Week (Quinquagesima Sunday being the last Sunday before Lent) were added to Lenten Fast (Ash Weds. thru Saturday) which makes the 40 days of Lent.

Judy Pearson



IHC Mystery Players coming to St. Cyril's on Sunday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Lent calls to mind many ancient traditions in the Catholic Church, one being the Stations of the Cross. The Immaculate Heart Central High School Mystery Players from Watertown, NY, present the centuries old stations in a very creative way. Meditation and contemplation on the death and resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery in the prayerlife of the Catholic Church. The Mystery Plays of the Middle Ages focused on the presentation of this central mystery. Connected to ancient Mystery Plays, the IHC Mystery Players bring the stations to the modern level through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings. The Paschal Mystery is recreated in a moving, dramatic presentation.

They will perform in **St. Cyril's Church on April 7th at 7:30 p.m.** This can be a highlight of your Lenten Season.